

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuo OKADA

Application No.: 10/697,281

Filed: October 31, 2003

GAMING MACHINE AND DISPLAY For:

DEVICE WITH FAIL-TOLERANT

IMAGE DISPLAYING (as

amended)

Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0055

Examiner: C. E. Rendon

Art Unit: 3714

Confirmation No.: 8441

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated March 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 5, 7, 9, 10, 16 and 38-41 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 11-15 and 17-26 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 5, 10 and 16 are amended and 38-41 are newly added.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)